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OR OF THE X-MEN??

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FINALE!"

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ABOUT YOUR
SNEAKY
SYNOPSIS!
(SHEESH!)

AN EMBATTLED
CYCLOPS AND
ICEMAN ARE
TAKING ON AN
ENTIRE MISSILE BASE,
SOMEWHERE
IN THE SOUTH-
WESTERN
U.S....

...WHILE THE
REMAINING THREE
X-MEN ARE
TRAPPED BEHIND
THE IRON CURTAIN--
ALONG WITH THE
UNCONSCIOUS
BLOB! (WHY?
READ ON,
MAC-
DUFF...)

HAH! ONE
GROUP OF
X-MEN HAS
BEEN CAPTURED
--AND THE OTHER
IS ON THE VERGE
OF TOTAL
DEFEAT!

BEFORE LONG,
MY PLAN SHALL
SUCCEED--
WITH THEIR
UNWITTING
HELP!

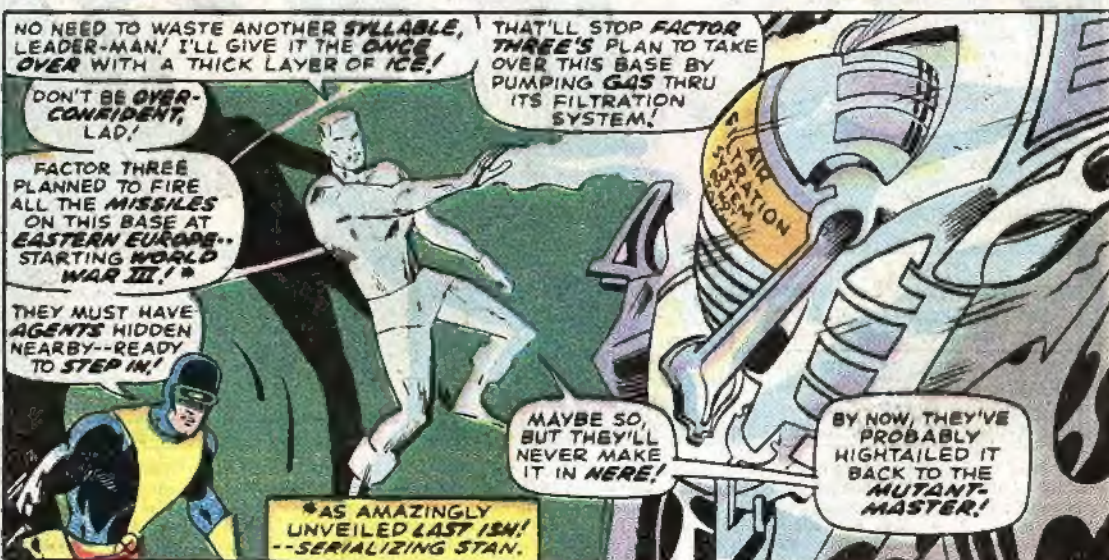
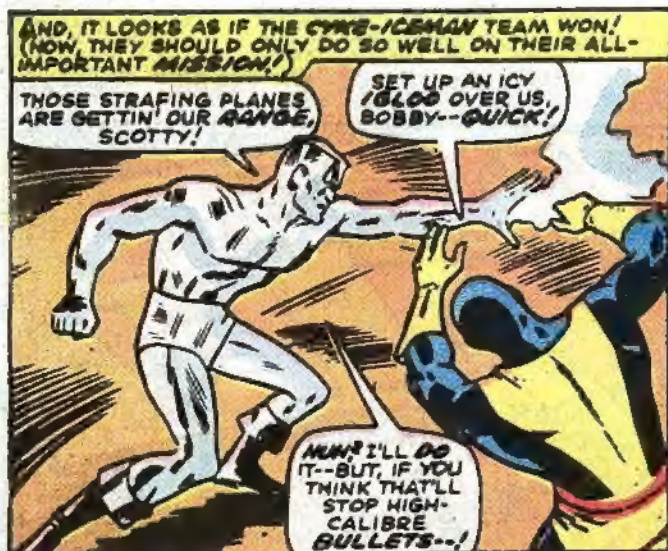
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ROY THOMAS-DON HECK
EXCITEMENT-LADEN EPIC!

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VINCE COLLETTA, *INKER*,
AND ARTIE SIMEK, *LETTERER*,
THINK OF IT, THOUGH!)

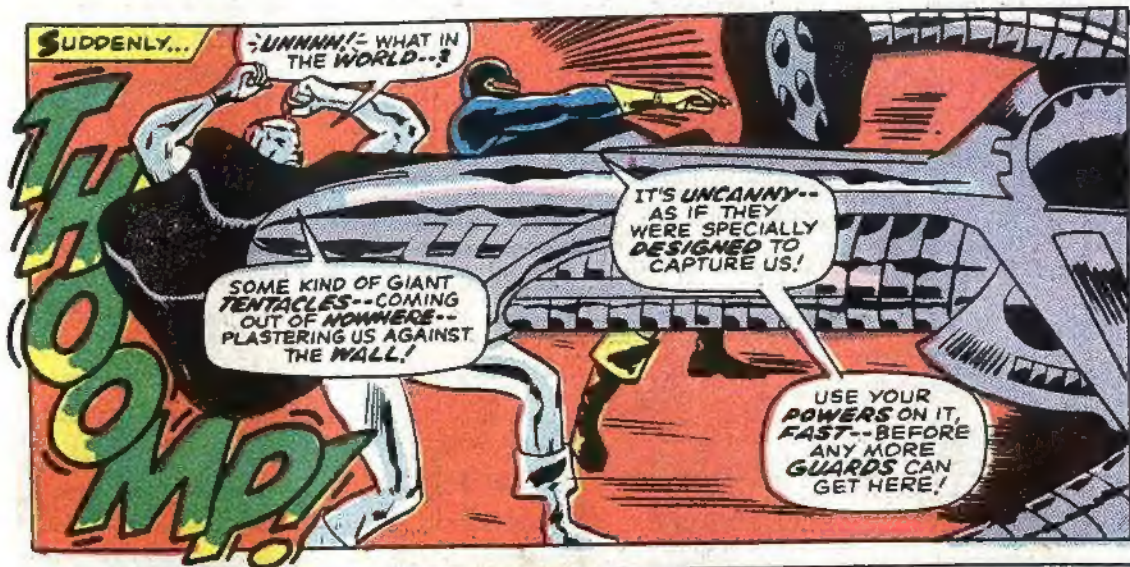
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MALEVOLENT MUTANT-
MASTER'S CRYPTIC STATEMENT
HANGING IN THE AIR, WHAT
SAY WE TOSS A COIN TO
SEE WHICH OF OUR
MISTREATED MUTANTS WE
VISIT FIRST...

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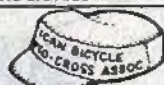
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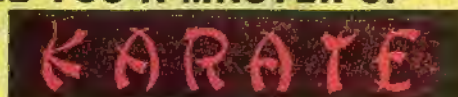
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IN A CERTAINLY CLOSE-GUARDED
TOWER--LET'S NOT FORGET OUR
OTHER X-MEN TEAM...

WELL, THIS IS
ANOTHER FINE
MESS WE'VE GOT
OURSELVES INTO,
GANG--

BUT THIS
ONE MAY
VERY WELL
BE THE
LAST!!

I BLUSH TO
ADMIT, WARREN,
THAT YOUR
FORECAST SOUNDS
DEPRESSINGLY
PROBABLE!

IF ONLY THESE
ANTIQUATED DOORS
WEREN'T SO THICK,
I MIGHT BE ABLE
TO--

JEANIE--THAT LOOK
IN YOUR EYES! DOES
IT MEAN WHAT I
SUSPECT?

IF YOU'RE
THINKING THAT
I'VE RESTED
ENOUGH TO
USE MY
TELEKINETIC
POWERS--
YES!

I ONLY HOPE
THEY'RE STRONG
ENOUGH TO
REACH THAT
DOZING GUARD
OVER THERE...

THE NEXT SECOND, AN ASTOUNDED SENTRY IS SUDDENLY LIFTED FROM HIS CHAIR, AND--

MY REGARDS TO
THE SANDMAN,
LITTLE FRIEND!

OOOOOFF!!

GREAT GOING,
HANK! AND, I'VE
GOT A TELEKINETIC
BEAD ON HIS
KEYS!

BUT, WE'VE GOT
TO HURRY! WITH
EACH TICKING
SECOND, THE WORLD
COMES CLOSER TO
THE BRINK OF A
NUCLEAR
DISASTER!

THWAK!

AS, ELSEWHERE IN THE MEDIEVAL CHATEAU, A
GROUP OF EASTERN MILITARY LEADERS
CONFER--UNWARE THAT A BOMB HAS BEEN
PLACED IN THEIR MIDST...

I SAY, WE MUST DECLARE
WAR ON THE UNITED
STATES!

AFTER ALL, WAS IT
NOT AMERICA'S
MUTANT X-MEN WHO
INVADDED THIS SECRET
CONFERENCE--AND
TRIED TO ASSASSINATE
US?

IT MOST
DECIDELY WAS
NOT, COMRADE!

EN? WHO
WAS THAT?

*ANOTHER TOWERING
TRANSLATION FROM MULTI-
LINGUAL MARVEL!
--STAN THE MAN.

IT'S ONLY I--YOUR MUCH-
HARRASSED HOUSE-GUEST,
THE BELOVED BEAST!

I KNEW
THOSE
"LEARN-
RUSSIAN-
FAST" RECORDS
WOULD PAY OFF
ONE DAY!

ONE OF THE
X-MEN HAS
ESCAPED!
SHOOT
HIM!

AA,
COMRADE
GENERAL!

SPIDER-MAN AND THE BLACK PANTHER TOGETHER-- IN MARVEL TEAM-UP #20!

INSTANTANEOUSLY, FROM ANOTHER WINDOW...

MAYBE I CAN'T
SPEAK THE
LANGUAGE
LIKE YOU,
BEAST--

BUT I THINK
THEY'LL UNDER-
STAND THIS!!

WHAM!

WOK!

I WOULDN'T
HAVE IT ANY
OTHER WAY,
MY CHERUBIC
CHUM!

AND, A MOMENT LATER, THE MOST ATTRACTIVE
OF THE X-MEN TRIO ENTERS THE FRANTIC FRAY...

I DID SOME MENTAL PROBING
FROM OUTSIDE--AND I'M
CERTAIN THAT THE HIDDEN
TIME-BOMB MUST BE IN THAT
SATCHEL!

BUT, THEY'LL
NEVER BELIEVE
ME--SO I'LL HAVE
TO DO...THIS!

MY BRIEFCASE--
IT'S FLOATING
AWAY INTO THE
AIR!

NEVER MIND
THAT, FOOL--
LOOK--OVER
THERE!

AT THESE WORDS, THE
PUZZLED NANK MCCOY
TURNS A STARTLED HEAD--
ONLY TO BE SENT REELING
BY A STUNNING BLOW!

UNNNH!!

IT'S...THE
BLOB!!

HE MUST
HAVE
AWAKENED
SOONER THAN
WE EXPECTED--
AND
FOLLOWED
US!

YOU TEENAGE MISFITS
AREN'T GONNA FOUL UP
THIS PLAN!

THAT BOMB'S
GOT JUST ONE
MINUTE
LEFT BEFORE
IT BLOWS--

AND
NOTHIN'S
GONNA
STOP
IT!

KRAK!

YOU HARE-BRAINED HIPPO! DON'T YOU REALIZE
THAT YOU'RE IN DANGER, TOO? I--

YOWWPP!
YOUR HEAD'S
AS HARD AS
A SOLID
BOULDER!

YOU KNOW
IT, SONNY
BOY! I'M THE
BLOB--
REMEMBER??

MY MUTANT
BODY'LL
ABSORB THE
EXPLOSION--
BUT YOURS
WON'T!

THEN, AS THE POWERFUL BLOB LANDS A MIGHTY
BLOW...

DOMMAN!! I'M
TEMPTED TO BELIEVE THAT
I'M DEFINITELY OUTCLASSED--

PHYSICALLY,
THAT IS!

NOW,
GIRLIE--
I'M GRABBIN'
THAT
SATCHEL!

HE'S FASTER
THAN I THOUGHT!
HE'S GOT THE
BRIEFCASE!

MUST
GET IT
BACK--
OR
WE'RE
DOOMED!!

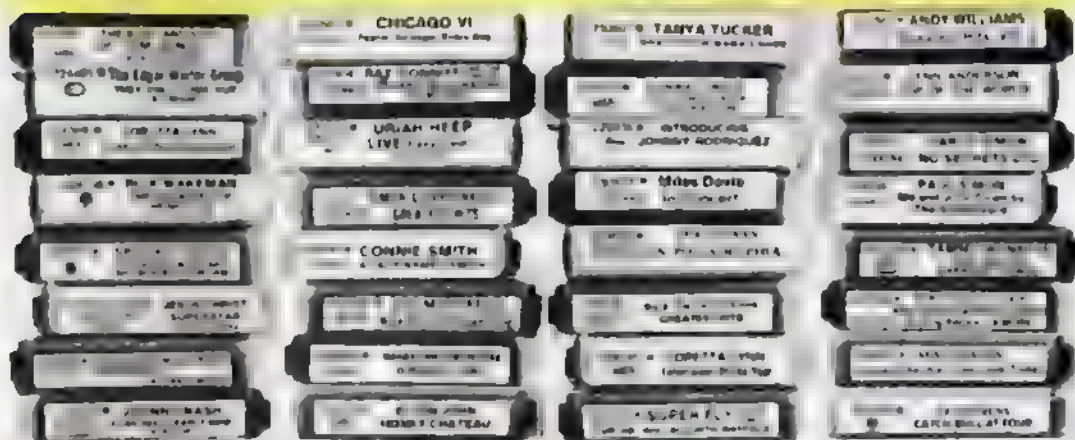
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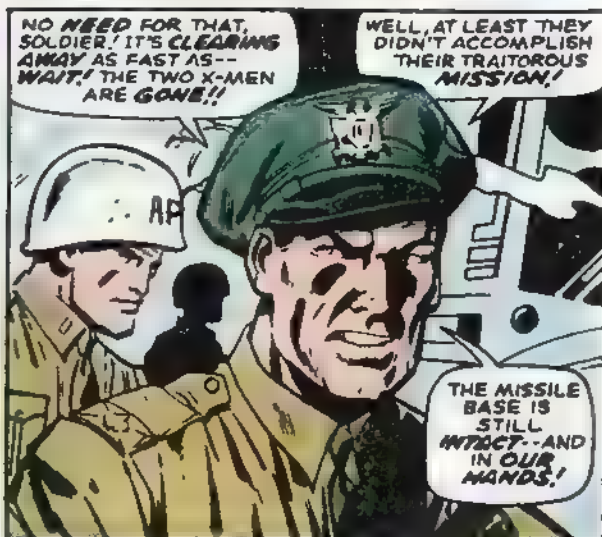
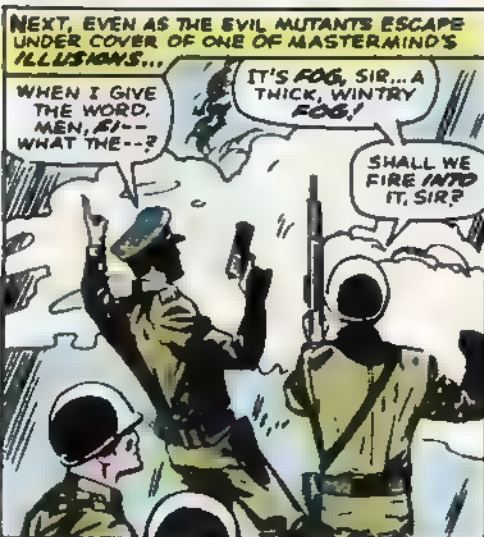
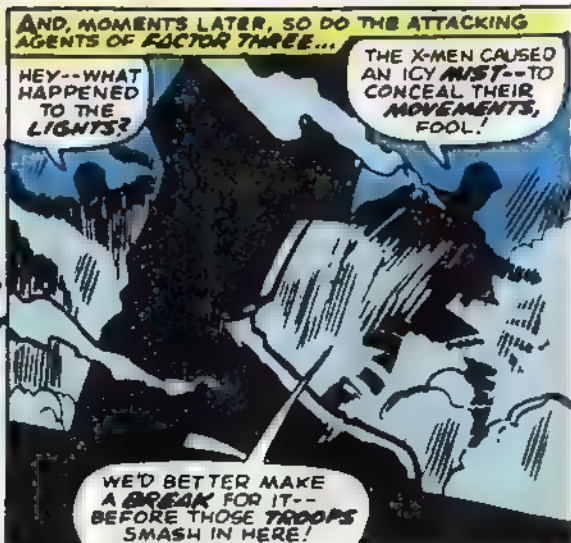
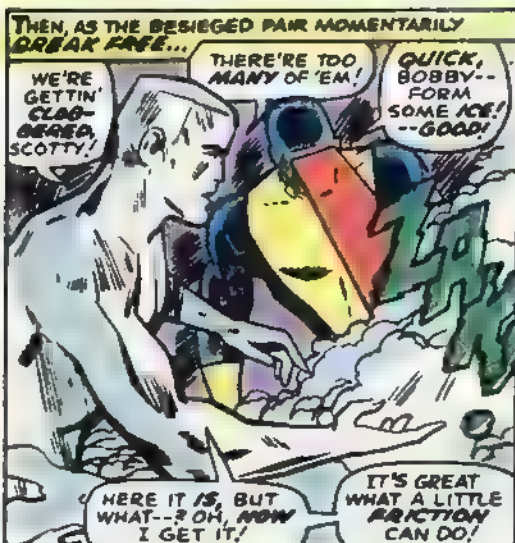
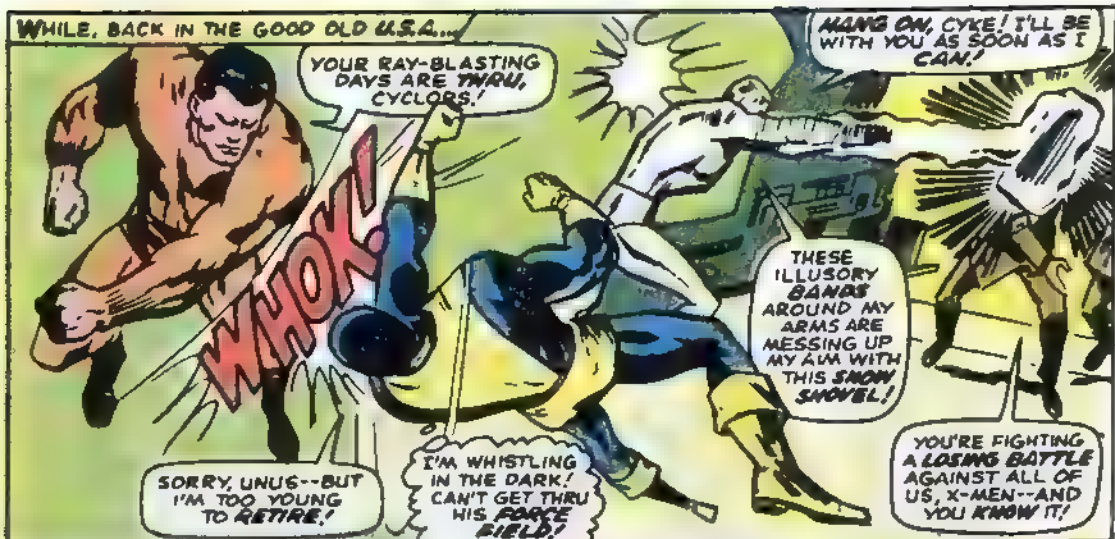
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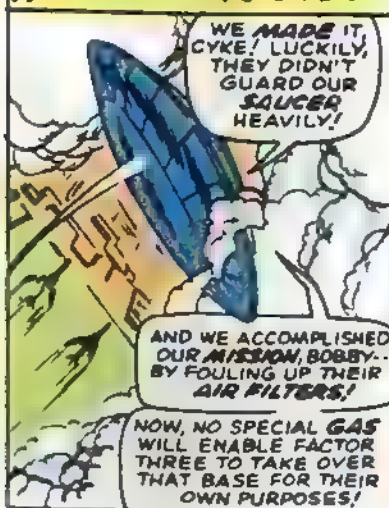
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Figure 1

Do You Have A Telephone? (check one) ☐ YES..... ☐ NO



AT THAT SECOND, OVERHEAD...



WE MADE IT, CYKE! LUCKILY, THEY DIDN'T GUARD OUR SAUCER HEAVILY!

AND WE ACCOMPLISHED OUR MISSION, BOBBY-- BY FOULING UP THEIR AIR FILTERS!

NOW, NO SPECIAL GAS WILL ENABLE FACTOR THREE TO TAKE OVER THAT BASE FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES!

BUT, WHAT ABOUT OUR OTHER TITANIC X-MEN TEAM-- SOMEWHERE DEEP IN EASTERN EUROPE...?



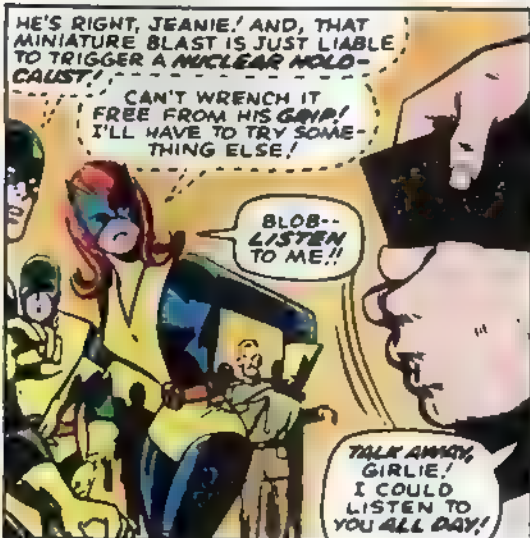
HOLD IT, BLOB! THAT'S A DEADLY EXPLOSIVE YOU'RE MANHANDLING!

THAT'S YOUR WORRY, MONKEYFACE-- NOT MINE!



MY MASSIVE BODY CAN WITHSTAND A SMALL BLAST--

BUT NO ONE ELSE IN THIS ROOM CAN!



HE'S RIGHT, JEANIE! AND, THAT MINIATURE BLAST IS JUST LIABE TO TRIGGER A NUCLEAR HOLD-CAUST!

CAN'T WRENCH IT FREE FROM HIS GRIP! I'LL HAVE TO TRY SOMETHING ELSE!

BLOB-- LISTEN TO ME!!

TALK AWAY, GIRLIE! I COULD LISTEN TO YOU ALL DAY!

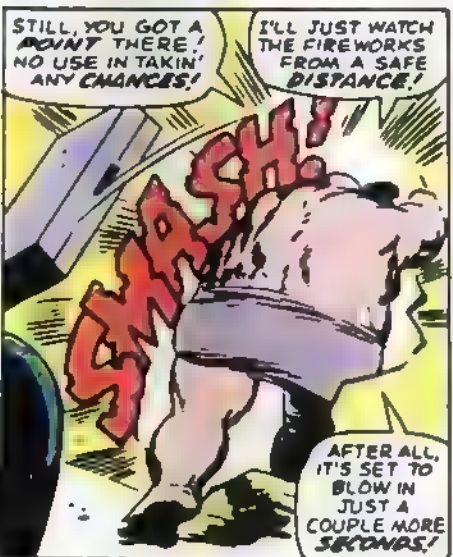


ALL RIGHT--THEN HEAR ME OUT!

DO YOU REALLY THINK THE MUTANT MASTER WOULD TAKE A CHANCE ON YOUR CAPTURE--AND ON OTHERS LEARNING OF HIS PLAN?

HE MUST HAVE MADE THAT TIME BOMB STRONG ENOUGH TO DESTROY EVEN YOU!

YOU LIE! HE'S OUR MASTER--OUR LEADER!



STILL, YOU GOT A POINT THERE! NO USE IN TAKIN' ANY CHANCES!

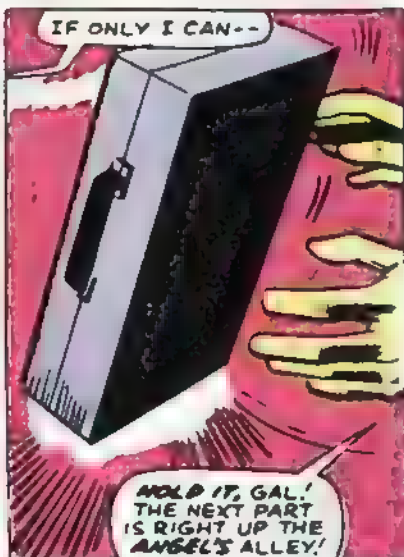
I'LL JUST WATCH THE FIREWORKS FROM A SAFE DISTANCE!

AFTER ALL, IT'S SET TO BLOW IN JUST A COUPLE MORE SECONDS!



HE'S GONE--BUT HE LEFT THE SATCHEL!

AND--LOOK! IT'S STARTING TO VIBRATE--VIOLENTLY!!



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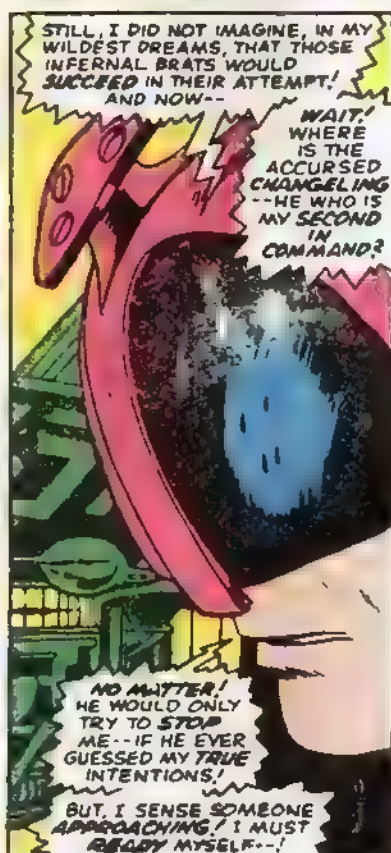
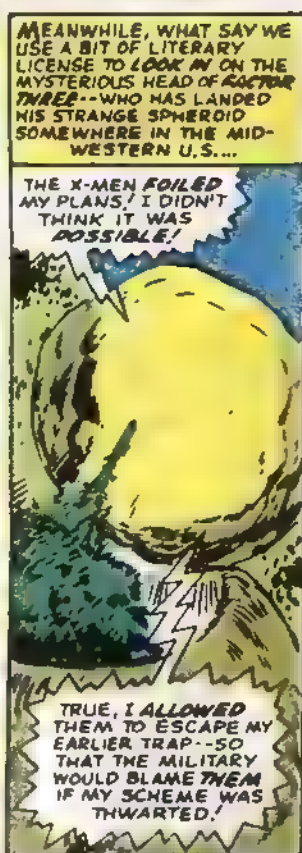
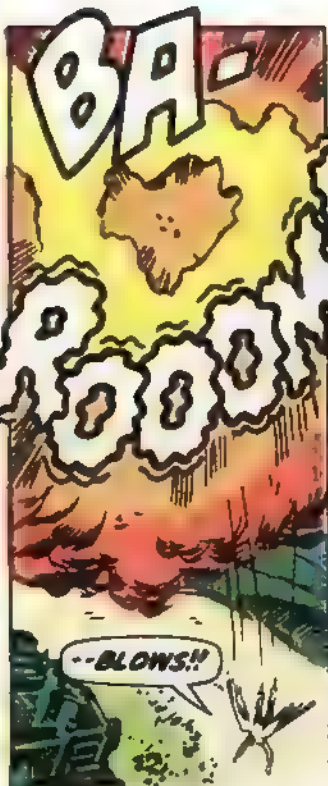
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THE THING CALLED KILLDOZER! YOU SAW IT ON TV! NOW IT'S IN WORLD UNKNOWN!

SOON AFTERWARD, A SILENTLY GLIDING VEHICLE APPEARS FROM THE SKY, AND COMES TO REST, OPENING TO REVEAL--

WOW! GET A LOAD OF THAT SET-UP, CYKE! LIKE THE MAN SAYS-- THIS MUST BE THE PLACE!

YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE IT, BOBBY--THOUGH WE'D NEVER HAVE FOUND IT WITHOUT THE SAUCER'S SENSORY DEVICES!

BUT, DON'T GO RUSHING IN! WE'VE GOT TO PLAY IT COOL!

LEADER-MAN, IF THERE'S ONE PERSON IN THIS COMBO WHO DOESN'T HAVE TO REMEMBER TO KEEP COOL--IT'S ME!

WHAT'S WRONG? YOU FIGURE THE MUTANT-MASTER KNOWS WE'RE HERE?

THAT'S A PRETTY SAFE BET, LAD!

--AND GETTING SAFER BY THE SECOND!

LOOK OUT!!

ZAKT!

YIPES!

YOU AVOIDED MY OWN PERSONAL WELCOME MAT, X-MEN--BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU'LL EVER LEAVE HERE ALIVE!

NOW WHERE HAVE I HEARD THAT ONE BEFORE--?

BLAST! HE'S BEHIND A FORCE FIELD!

FRAP!

LET US HANDLE THOSE RUNTS, MUTANT-MASTER!

HUH? WHO IN THE WORLD--?

IT'S UNUS--THE VANISHER--MASTERMIND--AND THE BLOB!

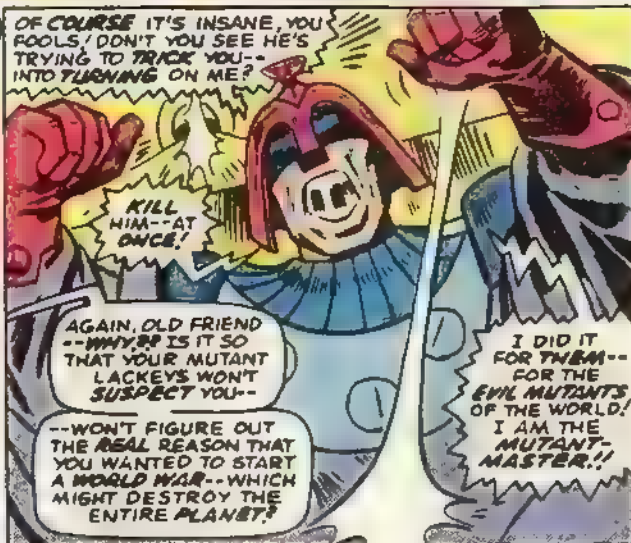
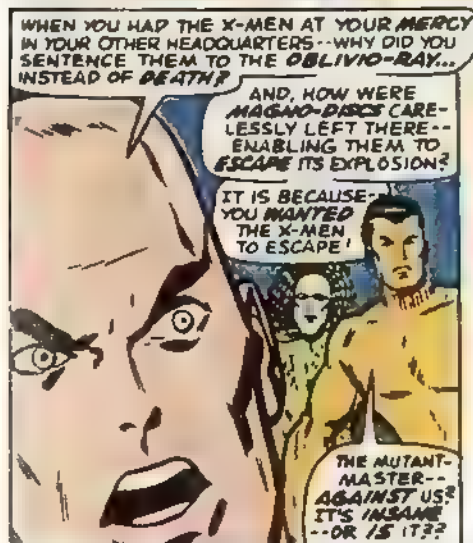
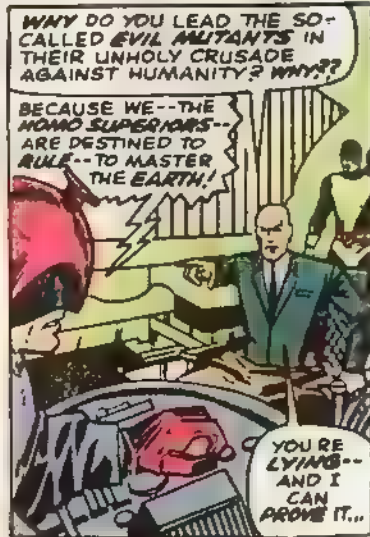
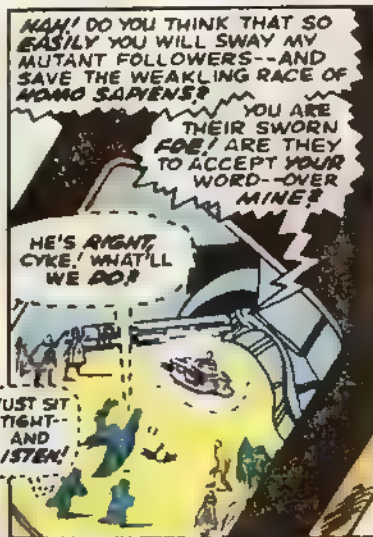
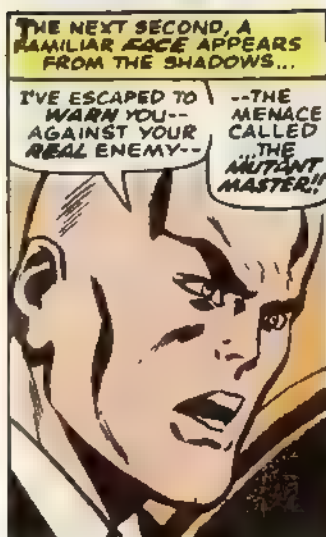
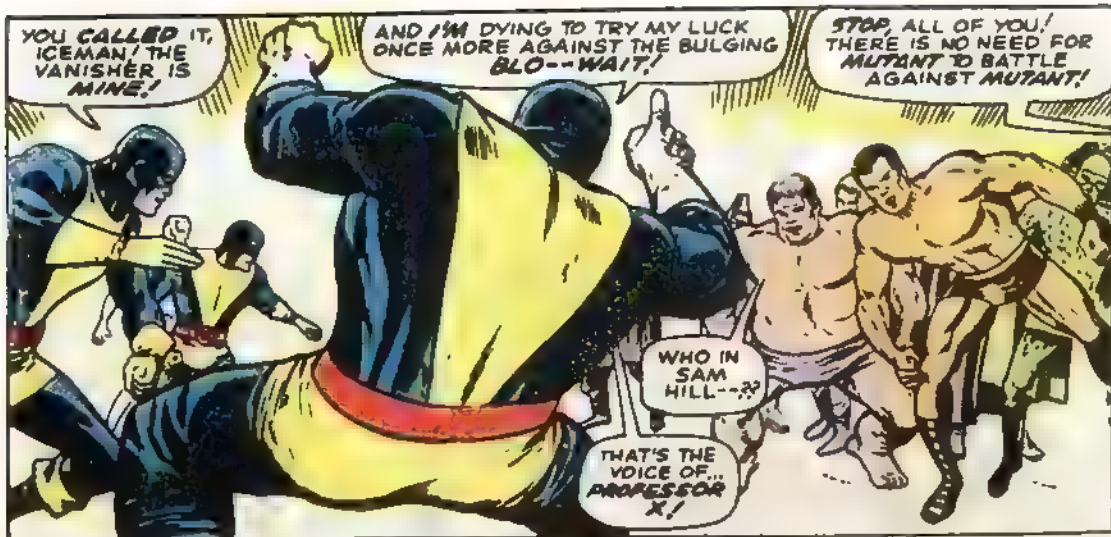
RIGHT! MORE THAN ENOUGH MUTANTS TO FINISH OFF YOU TWO!

GET READY, LAD! WE MAY BE OUT-NUMBERED, BUT--

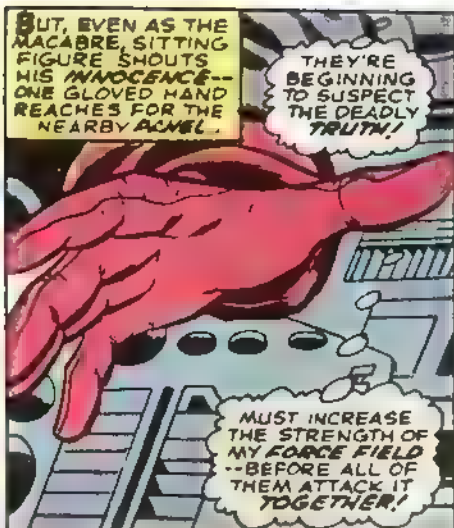
WHO'S OUT-NUMBERED, FEARLESS LEADER?

BY THE WAY, HOW ABOUT A SMATTERING OF APPLAUSE FROM THE GALLERY? WE BROKE ALL SPEED RECORDS GETTING HERE!

THE REST OF THE X-MEN! NOW WE'LL TAKE 'EM, CYKE!



KULL THE DESTROYER BATTLES THE FIEND IN THE FLAMES-- AND ONE MUST DIE!



CONFUSED, FRANTIC ONE? WELL, STICK AROUND FOR A COUPLE MORE PAGES-- FOR, NEARBY

OHMM MY HEAD... I FEELS GELANE!

SOMEONE RELEASED THE PROFESSOR AND ME FROM OUR TRANCE-- ONLY TO QUICKLY WALLOP ME!

BUT, AT LEAST THE BANSHEE IS FREE AGAIN'S

FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 15H #83! --SHARP-EYED STAN.

SOUNDS--LIKE SOME TERRIFIC STRUGGLE-- COMING FROM THE NEXT CHAMBER--!

THE X-MEN--AND THE EVIL MUTANTS-- FIGHTING THE ANDROIDS SIDE BY SIDE!

WHAT'S THE WORLD COMING TO?

UH OH! ONE OF THE ANDROIDS SEES ME-- IT'S AIMING A RAY-BLASTER AT ME!

ONLY ONE POSSIBLE DEFENSE--!

THEN, AS THE SHRILL, PIERCING WAIL OF THE BANSHEE FILLS THE ROOM.

SIRENS BE PRAISED! THE ANDROID'S EXPLODING!

I MUST HAVE HIT JUST THE RIGHT SWIC FREQUENCY!

THIS SHRIEK WON'T HURT HUMANS OR MUTANTS--

--BUT, IT'S SURE DEATH TO DELICATE MACHINERY!!

YES, AND I THINK I'LL RAISE THE PITCH JUST A BIT-- JUST TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS!

YET, EVEN THE LEATHER-LUNGED BANSHEE IS UNPREPARED FOR WHAT HAPPENS NEXT-- AS THE MOVABLE PLATFORM WHICH HOLDS THE MUTANT-MASTER BEGINS TO QUIVER --TO SHAKE VIOLENTLY--AND THEN--

NO! NO! STOP!! YOU DON'T REALIZE WHAT YOU'RE DOING! STOP, BEFORE--

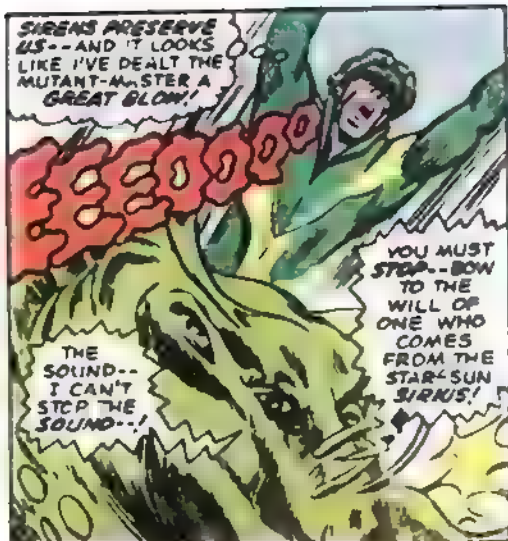
AAARRHH!!

THE MUTANT-MASTER'S HELMET--HIS FACE--HIS BODY--ALL FLYING TO BITS, LIKE THE METAL ANDROIDS!

AND LOOK-- UNDERNEATH IT ALL--HE ISN'T HUMAN!!

THE UNDER-STATEMENT OF THE MILLENNIUM, LAD!

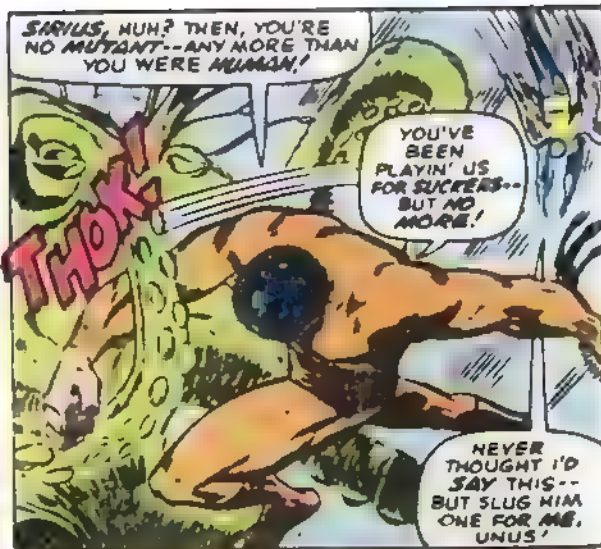
THE CURSE OF THE GOLDEN SKULL! CONAN'S LATEST-- CONAN'S GREATEST-- NOW!



SIRENS PRESERVE US--AND IT LOOKS LIKE I'VE DEALT THE MUTANT-MASTER A GREAT BLOW!

THE SOUND-- I CAN'T STOP THE SOUND--!

YOU MUST STOP--BOW TO THE WILL OF ONE WHO COMES FROM THE STAR-SUN SIRIUS!



SIRIUS, HUH? THEN, YOU'RE NO MUTANT--ANY MORE THAN YOU WERE HUMAN!

YOU'VE BEEN PLAYIN' US FOR SUCKERS-- BUT NO MORE!

NEVER THOUGHT I'D SAY THIS-- BUT SLUG HIM ONE FOR ME, UNUS!



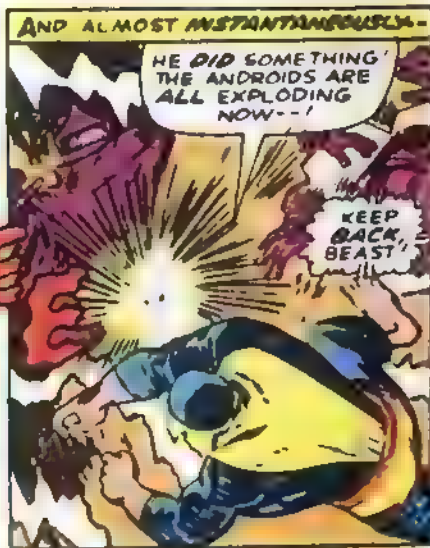
BUT, AT THAT FATEFUL MOMENT...

SOMETHING--STRANGE--IS HAPPENING TO THAT CREATURE! CAN'T RESIST SHRIEKING JUST ONE OCTAVE HIGHER!

NO--NO--STOP--!!



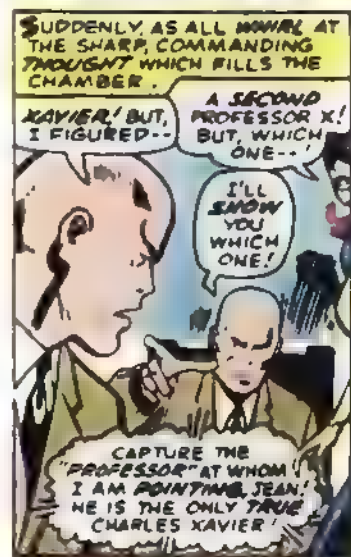
THEN, IN HIS UNIMAGINABLE AGONY THE ALIEN REACHES FOR A FATAL BUTTON...



AND ALMOST INSTANTANEOUSLY--

HE DID SOMETHING THE ANDROIDS ARE ALL EXPLODING NOW--!

KEEP BACK, BEAST!



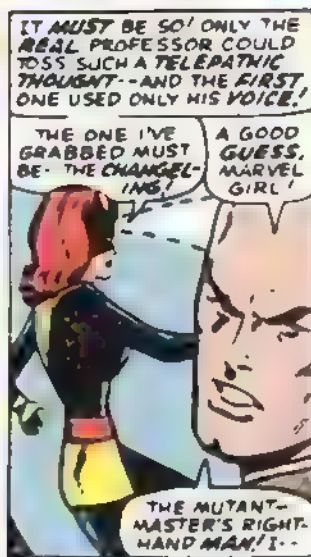
SUDDENLY, AS ALL WHIRL AT THE SHARP, COMMANDING THOUGHT WHICH FILLS THE CHAMBER...

XAVIER! BUT, I FIGURED--

A SECOND PROFESSOR X! BUT, WHICH ONE--!

I'LL SHOW YOU WHICH ONE!

CAPTURE THE "PROFESSOR" AT WHOM I AM POINTING, JEAN! HE IS THE ONLY TRUE CHARLES XAVIER!



IT MUST BE SO! ONLY THE REAL PROFESSOR COULD TOSS SUCH A TELEPATHIC THOUGHT--AND THE FIRST ONE USED ONLY HIS VOICE!

THE ONE I'VE GRABBED MUST BE-- THE CHANGELING!

A GOOD GUESS, MARVEL GIRL!

THE MUTANT-MASTER'S RIGHT-HAND MAN! I--



WAIT! OVER THERE-- THE MUTANT-MASTER!

LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENING TO HIM--!

HOMILIES, HIJINX, AND HAPPY NEW YEAR —FROM THE HALLOWED HALLS OF MARVEL!

STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

Well, here it is — the start of a brand new year for all of us! It's the perfect time to clue you in on some of the fabulous, far-out projects in store for you from mighty Marvel, where wonders never cease — and where the future has never looked more exciting!

We don't have to tell you what a smash sensation our Spider-Man medallion coins have been — you're probably wearing one right now! But that's only the beginning! Every other product manufacturer seems to be discovering Marvel at the same time. So, in the coming year you'll be seeing more of our swingin' superhero gizmos than you can shake a spider-web at! But, that's just for starters —!

Even as I pen yon momentous monograph, Marvel's vast, world-wide network of legal experts (okay, so it's one overworked lawyer with a scratchy pen) is in the process of signing a contract with one of America's largest and most famous book-publishing companies to do a series of hard cover books about — you guessed it — your favorite Marvel masterworks! We'll tell you more in coming issues, and we hoodwink thee not — it'll herald a whole new world of reading excitement for all Marveldom Assembled — even for the few heretics who still may be at large!

Naturally, FOOM is still growing by leaps and bounds. Your batty Bullpen has just scheduled a special meeting to vote on all the new goodies and surprises in store for the Friends Of Ol' Marvel, may their luster never dim! And of course one of our zingiest new sensations is the Value Stamp project we've just begun — which Rascally Roy will discuss with you in living color — if I ever leave him enough space!

Since no mere mortal can bear too much mind-staggering munch-cence, I'll merely hint at some other dynamite developments to come. Wouldja believe a full length feature film about some of our cataclysmic characters? And how about the two top TV producers who are making us an offer we can hardly refuse? And, we've gotta admit we're still sneakily working on plans for new, earth-shaking characters and concepts in our ever-growing line of Marvel comics and mags. So watch your newsstand, watch these pages, and watch out for enemy agents! We mustn't let a word of this reach the competition!

Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! Sheesh! It's January again — and it seems like only yesterday that the whole batty Bullpen were auld-lang syn-ling each other at New Year's parties all over Manhattan, the Bronx, and Staten Island too. Anyhow, just for the heck of it, we thought you might wanna see some of the New Year's Resolutions dreamed up by our nutty artists and writers for 1974. So here goes —!

Merry GERRY CONWAY resolves he'll take the time to memorize the agreement of all Asgardian pronouns and verbs (He's got no choice! Rascally Roy stamped 'em all over Mr. C's forehead!)

Macabre MIKE PLOOG vows to make his new project, the Man Thing, as horribly hairy and helishly heinous as his Werewolf, Ghost Rider, and Frankenstein Monster put together.

RICH (Swash) BUCKLER pledges to make the Fantastic Four even more popular than it already is. (And you know something? The lad just might make it!)

Jazzy JOHNNY ROMITA swears he'll sneak away from his post as art director long enough to actually draw a Spider-Man saga or two, just for old times' sake.

STEVE (Baby) GERBER and Battlin' BOB BROWN jointly avow that they will both figure out every one of the gimmicks in Daredevil's bully-club before 1975 rolls around — they hope!

Big JOHN BUSCEMA promises to remember that a right-handed Barbarian wears his sword on his left side, not on his right.

Sibling SAL B. claims he'll get a new compass to help him draw those difficult, painstaking stripes on Captain America's shield.

Marvelous MARV WOLFGAN and Gentleman GENE COLAN affirm that they'll invent at least three unique and previously untried ways for Count Dracula to die! (Lotsa luck, fellas!)

Rascally ROY THOMAS declares that this year Conan will definitely go thru one whole issue without once referring to his Cimmerian god Crom. Or, if not this year, then maybe the next —!

And Smilin' STAN LEE, our publishing potentate, swears that this'll be positively the last year he lets his ever-lovin' editor make up New Year's Resolutions for the whole blamed Bullpen!

But now, onward —!

ITEM! We need a breather, people — honest! So many of you have been sending in for your full-fledged FOOM kits and all the other Marvel type merchandise we've been offering you, that we've got to discontinue our ads for 'em for the next few weeks, just long enough to get caught up on all the mountains of mail that're piling up! That's just by way of letting you know that, if you're one of the few Marvelites who haven't yet signed up for membership in our

FOOM fan club, you'll get your chance at one or two from now. A word to the wise...!

ITEM! And now, in closing, here's our mirthful message in SPIDER-MAN CODE for the merry month of January — to warm the cockles of your heart with news of a Marvel longtime who'll be getting his very own series in the months to come. Like so:

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Ponder over that little tidbit for a while. Straight Arrow!

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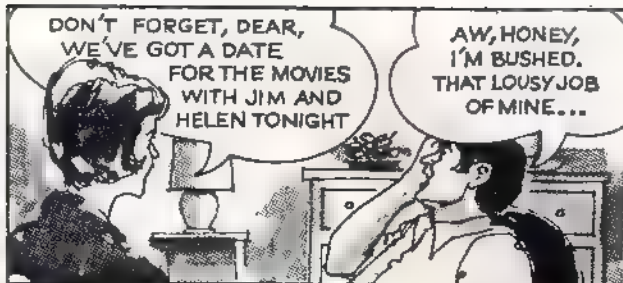
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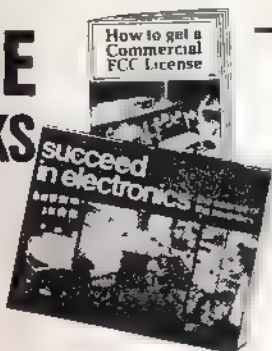
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DEFEATED--DISGRACED!
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FROM SIRIUS--
TO CONQUER A
WORLD--
BUT I
FAILED...



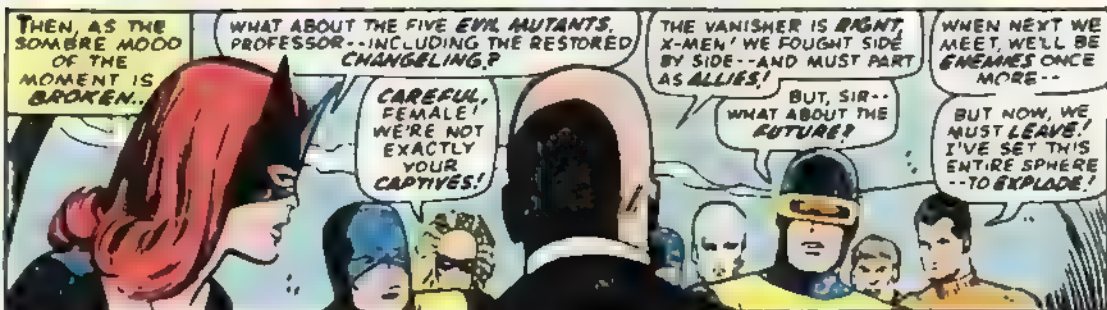
BUT, THE FINAL BLAST
DID ITS WORK! MY
BRAIN FEELS HEAVY--
TIRED--

A SIRIAN
MAY KNOW
DESTRUCTION
--BUT NEVER
CAPTURE...



HE'S DEAD!
KILLED BY HIS
OWN DESTRUCT-
BUTTON...

...FOR ALL
WE KNOW,
THE FIRST
PLANETARY
SUICIDE!



THEN, AS THE
SOMBRE MOOD
OF THE
MOMENT IS
BROKEN...

WHAT ABOUT THE FIVE EVIL MUTANTS,
PROFESSOR--INCLUDING THE RESTORED
CHANGELING?

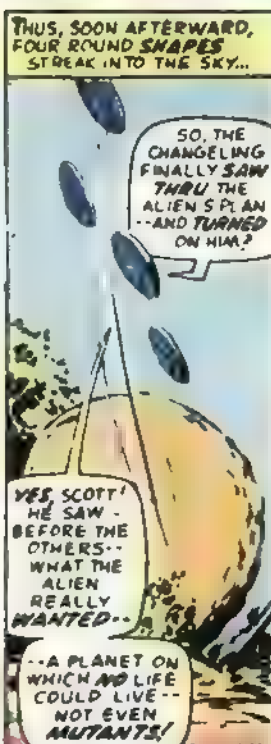
CAREFUL,
FEMALE!
WE'RE NOT
EXACTLY
YOUR
CAPTIVES!

THE VANISHER IS RIGHT,
X-MEN! WE FOUGHT SIDE
BY SIDE--AND MUST PART
AS ALLIES!

BUT, SIR--
WHAT ABOUT THE
FUTURE?

WHEN NEXT WE
MEET, WE'LL BE
ENEMIES ONCE
MORE--

BUT NOW, WE
MUST LEAVE!
I'VE SET THIS
ENTIRE SPHERE
--TO EXPLADE!



THUS, SOON AFTERWARD,
FOUR ROUND SHAPES
STREAK INTO THE SKY...

SO, THE
CHANGELING
FINALLY SAW
THRU THE
ALIEN'S PLAN
--AND TURNED
ON HIM?

YES, SCOTT!
HE SAW--
BEFORE THE
OTHERS--
WHAT THE
ALIEN
REALLY
WANTED--

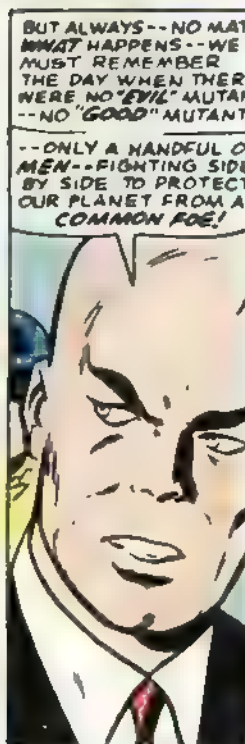
--A PLANET ON
WHICH NO LIFE
COULD LIVE--
NOT EVEN
MUTANTS!



THEY SHOULD HAVE
SEEN IT ALL ALONG--
BUT THEY WERE
BLINDED BY THEIR
HATRED OF ALL HOMO
SAPIENS!

TRUE,
CYCLOPS...

AND THERE THEY
GO--VEERING OFF
--SOON TO PLOT
ONCE MORE
AGAINST MANKIND!



BUT ALWAYS--NO MATTER
WHAT HAPPENS--WE
MUST REMEMBER
THE DAY WHEN THERE
WERE NO "EVIL" MUTANTS
--NO "GOOD" MUTANTS--

--ONLY A HANDFUL OF
MEN--FIGHTING SIDE
BY SIDE TO PROTECT
OUR PLANET FROM A
COMMON FOE!



FOR, SO LONG AS
LIFE ENDURES--
AND EVEN SWORN
ENEMIES CAN
REASON--THERE
SHALL ALWAYS
BE--HOPE!

THIS IS IT! THE FINAL SHOWDOWN WITH ZODIAC - NOW IN AVENGERS #122!

PERHAPS THE FOREGOING PAGE WOULD BE THE PROPER DRAMATIC PLACE TO END OUR MUTANT MASTERWORK BUT IN REALITY LIFE GOES ON, AND SOON

THOSE ALIEN SAUCERS MAY HAVE JUST HAD ENOUGH JUICE FOR ONE LAST TRIP--BUT AT LEAST WE MADE IT HOME!

NOW TO RELAX, AND--JEAN! WHAT'S WRONG--?

THAT'S MEN FOR YOU! A GIRL GETS EXCITED AND THEY THINK SOMETHING HAS TO BE WRONG!

I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING--SOMETHING GREAT!

JUST BEFORE THE EPISODE WITH THE JUGGERNAUT, I HAD BEEN HARD AT WORK ON A PET PROJECT OF MINE--WITH THE PROFESSOR'S PERMISSION!

HERE'S A PACKAGE FOR EACH OF YOU. IN IT YOU'LL FIND--A NEW COSTUME!

ON NO! NOT THE SAME OLD ONES--WITH A LITTLE NEW TRIMMING!

WHAT DO YOU DO THIS TIME, JEANIE--GIVE US BLUE BELTS?

TRY THEM ON AND SEE, BOBBY--ALL OF YOU!

AND, THEY MOST CERTAINLY DO SEE--FOR, AS THEY REGROUP A FEW MINUTES LATER...

OUR COSTUMES--THEY'RE ALL DIFFERENT!

FOR THE FIRST TIME--I REALLY LOOK LIKE AN ANGEL--I GUESS!

IT APPEARS WE GOT OUR CHOICE OF DECORATING COLORS, MR. WASHINGTON

EVEN I GOT NEW BOOTS--AND GLOVES--JEANIE!

IT WAS YOUR IDEA, PROFESSOR!

WHY DON'T YOU TELL THEM JUST WHAT YOU RECENTLY TOLD ME!

I SHALL, JEAN--WHEN THEY LET ME GET A WORD IN EDGEWISE!

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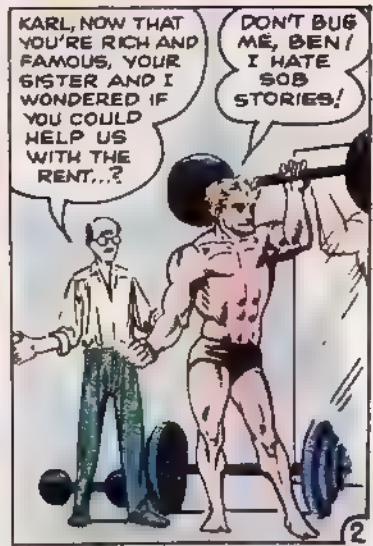
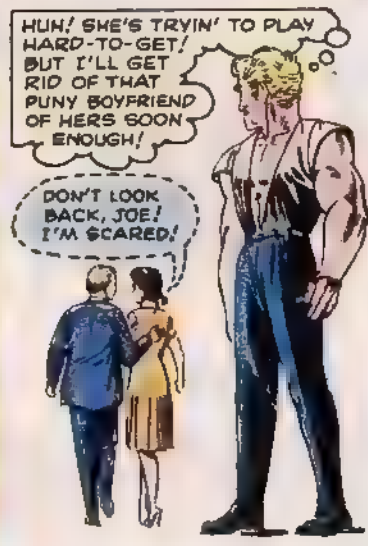
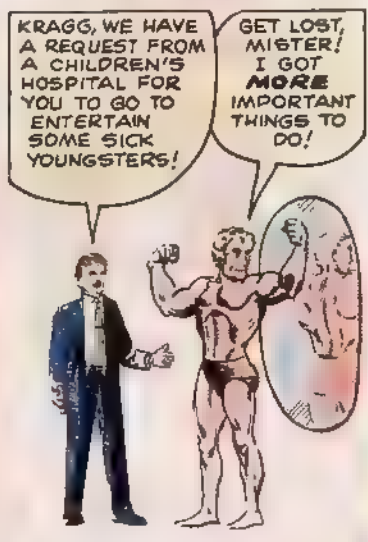
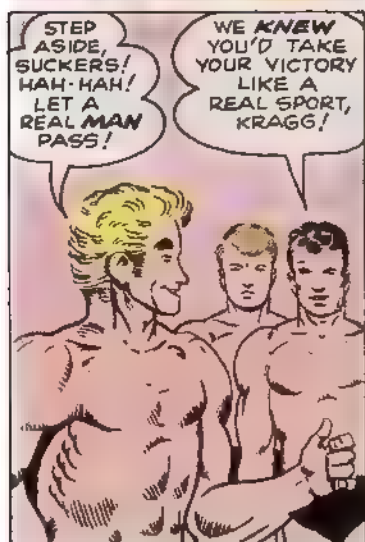
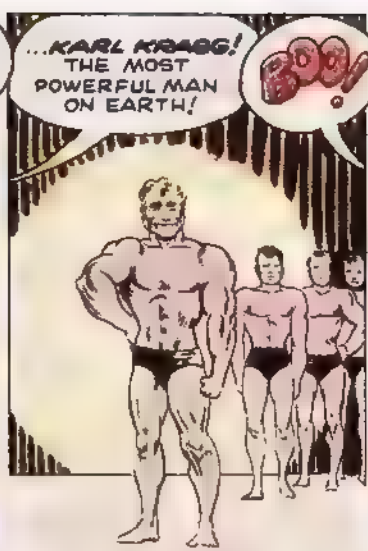
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Last time around, we first introduced our mighty MARVEL VALUE STAMPS to a breathlessly waiting world.

Now *this* month, it's finally time to *explain* the furshlugginer things!

What it is: We're now including one of these colorful MVS goodies in virtually every one of our multitudinous mags that has a *letters* page. There'll be an even *hundred* of them in Series "A," which covers calendar year 1974, starting with #1 (your friendly neighborhood Spider-Man, who else?) and winding up with #100, which sports a dynamic likeness of none other than—well, we'll let you guess till *next* time just *whose* mug will replace that mystery-shrouded *question* mark when the coveted #100 Stamp finally appears!

All we can tell you about it right now is that, although some of our Stamps will appear much more often than others, MVS #100 will be absolutely, positively the *rarest* one of 'em all, popping up in only *one* Marvel title during the whole *blamed* year!

(No, no, Suspicious One—it won't be sneaked into one of our western re-runs or *any* of our rhapsodic reprints, but will be featured prominently in one of our awesome *all-original* epics over the next few months. If you miss it, or one of the others which you need to complete your collection—you can always do a bit of *swapping* and *trading* with your fellow

Marvel madmen who might have been luckier, right?)

And now the \$64,000 question: Once you've got all 100 Stamps, what do you do with them? We call 'em MARVEL VALUE STAMPS, after all—so where's the value?

Well, part of the future value of the whole collection is obvious. For instance, in the next month or three, we'll be offering you an *MVS Stamp Album* virtually at cost, so that you can paste in all of them and have a complete set—which is bound to become a real collector's item in the years to come. (After all, didja know that FANTASTIC FOUR #1 is now selling for up to \$50 in many back-issue comic-book stores across the nation, and that SPIDEY #1 isn't far behind?)



But, that's only a *long-range* forecast. For those of you who'd like to see some benefits *before* you grow a long white beard, we can't say any more just now—but we solemnly promise that, even as these words are written, we're already in the process of lining up some *immediate* rewards you can reap when you've amassed a complete set. So, you'll not only have the frolic and fun of collecting the full 100 MVS mini-masterpieces, but—at least for many of you—it'll mean money in your pocket, to boot!

How's *that* for a grabber?

We also pledge a *fuller* explanation of this all-important point over the next few issues—verily, we swear and affirm it by the mile-long Adam's-apple of Reed Richards!

So keep on clippin' and collectin', pilgrim!

By the time summer rolls around, virtually all 100 MARVEL VALUE STAMPS will have appeared in our littin' letters pages, or in some other designated spot—

—And that's when the fun *really* begins!

P.S.: Special thanks to Jazzy Johnny Romita, Mirthful Marie Severin, and Titanic Tony Mortellaro for digging up the spiffiest bunch of superhero drawings since George Washington first said "Cheese!"

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It's true! It's true! Our new mammoth-sized 75¢ mags are taking the world by storm! And no wonder! For one thing, last time we looked, they sported a full *eight* pages *more* than most of our major competitors' titles; for another, they feature a panorama of fear-filled photos from the greatest monster movies of all time. All this, plus art and story by some of the Bullpen's spookiest ghost-writers!

In fact, these mags are such a labor of love to produce that, in order to pore over each issue the way we really want to, we had to knock 'em all down to mere quarterly schedules for a while. But now, they're all *bimonthly* again!

That's right—as of now, you can pick up DRACULA LIVES, MONSTERS UNLEASHED, VAMPIRE TALES, and TALES OF THE ZOMBIE six times a year at your local nefarious newsstand. And CRAZY—the 40¢ humor-mag that dared to be dumb—will be on sale *seven* times a year, just to confuse and confound you!

What's more, in a couple of months we plan to launch *two more* jumbo-sized spectacles—and, though they're on the top-secret list right now, we frankly think the *very names* of our two upcoming masterworks will knock you right out of your haunted castle!

Now, on to a pair of pulsating news-bits:

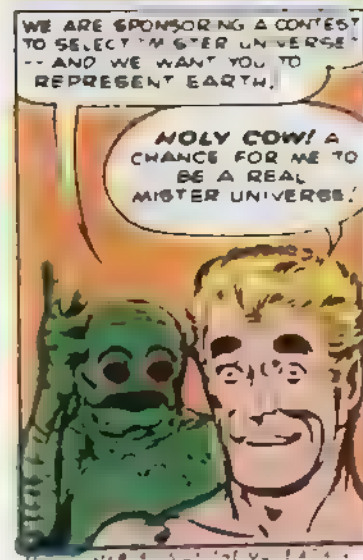
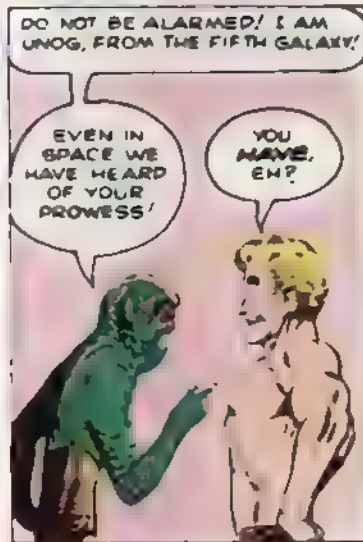
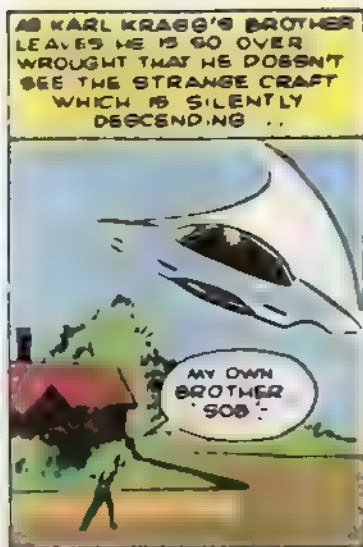


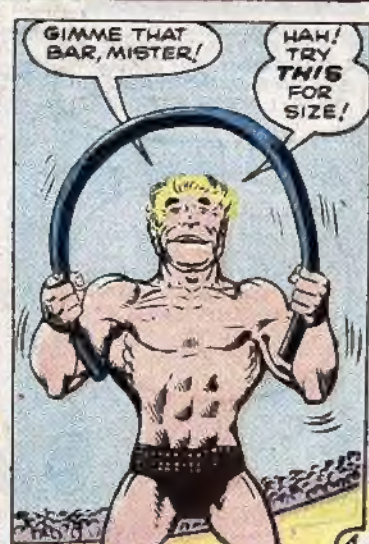
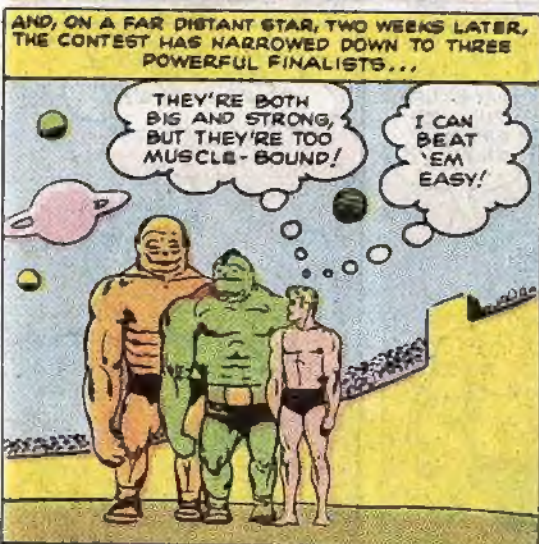
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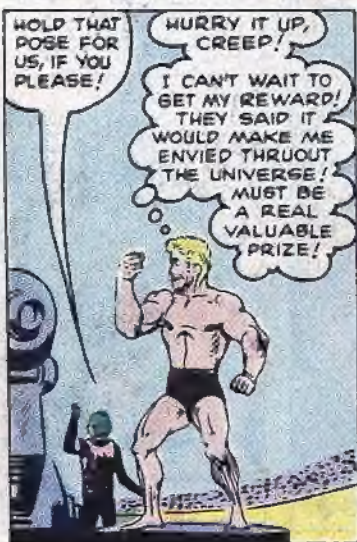
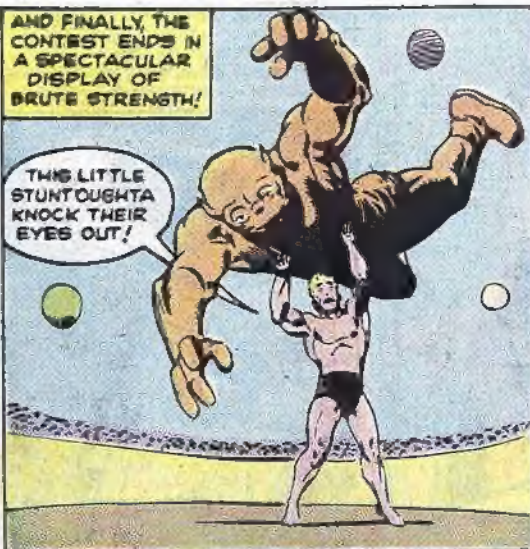


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